



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE NORTH FORK ANGORA CREEK RESTORATION AND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has directed the preparation of and intends to adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed project, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. DPR is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

PROJECT LOCATION: Washoe Meadows State Park, El Dorado County

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: DPR proposes to construct a project along sections of Angora Creek in Washoe Meadows (WMSP) to help preserve and enhance stream and meadow habitat, and improve the park visitor experience in WMSP. The project includes stabilization of a head-cutting incised reach of the North Fork of Angora Creek and construction of a public access bridge over the Main Branch of Angora Creek. The bed along a 300 foot section of the incised North Fork of Angora channel would be raised to restore meadow floodplain connectivity, stabilize headcuts and smooth discontinuities in the profile using rock (cobble and gravel) and sod to build grade controls and raise riffles. Sod plugs and willow brush boxes will also be installed at minor headcuts in other location of the meadow. The bridge on Angora Creek would be designed and constructed to DPR standards for multi-recreational use and would replace a non-authorized bridge that was constructed by the public, is a safety hazard, and impacts resources. The bridge will span the channel and immediate floodplain and boardwalk or raised trail approach would be constructed on both sides of the bridge. This project will use a combination of hand crews and heavy equipment.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Initial Study/Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning May 3, 2013. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Cyndie Walck at PO Box 16, Tahoe City, CA 96145 or by email at Cyndie.Walck@parks.ca.gov.

Your views and comments on this project are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted no later than May 30, 2013, to the following address:

PO Box 16, Tahoe City, CA 96145, Attn: Cyndie Walck or emailed to
Cyndie.Walck@parks.ca.gov

Copies of the Initial Study/Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the following locations during normal business hours:

California Department of Parks & Recreation
7360 West Lake Blvd, Tahoma, CA 96142

Eldorado County Public Library
1000 Rufus Allen Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA

A CD can be requested by contacting Liz McMillan at:
Elizabeth.McMillan@parks.ca.gov or 530-583-2240

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